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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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James Mackey

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/31/2006.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: ____.

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1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 6, "its surface" is indefinite as to exactly which structure is intended by "its". Claims 2-20 are rejected due to their dependence on indefinite claim 1.

In claim 2, line 3, "the latter" is unclear as to exactly which structure is intended.

In claim 9, "the fluid layer", "the hydrostatic bearing liquid", "the heat transfer liquid" and "its circulation" each lacks proper antecedent basis.

In claim 12, "the thin-walled drum" lacks proper antecedent basis, and "thin" is an indefinite relative term of indefinite scope.

3. Claims 1-20 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest an apparatus for forming a strip in a continuous run on the surface of a rotating drum having plural predetermined stationary heating and/or cooling regions, wherein the drum is mounted on a carrier body which is heatable or coolable in the respective regions, the rotating drum being arranged heat-exchangeably in at least these regions with respect to the surface of the carrier body, as claimed in claim 1.

The closest prior art of record is considered to be Mimura et al. (U.S. Patent 5,945,042; Figure 3) which disclose a rotating forming drum having predetermined stationary heating and cooling regions utilizing stationary heat exchange manifolds 57, 58; however, Mimura et al. do

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not teach or fairly suggest the rotating drum being mounted on a carrier body which is heatable or coolable in the respective regions, the rotating drum being arranged heat-exchangeably in at least these regions with respect to the surface of the carrier body, as claimed in claim 1.

Moreover, Battin (U.S. Patent 2,526,318) discloses a rotating forming drum having predetermined stationary heating and cooling regions; however, Battin does not teach or fairly suggest the rotating drum being mounted on a carrier body which is heatable or coolable in the respective regions, the rotating drum being arranged heat-exchangeably in at least these regions with respect to the surface of the carrier body, as claimed in claim 1.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

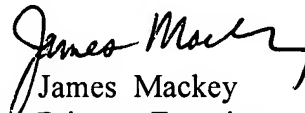
Japanese Patent Document 6-87150, Allard (U.S. Patent 4,679,287), Schonemann (U.S. Patent 4,683,628), Morel et al. (U.S. Patent 6,056,039) and Nyman et al. (U.S. Patent 6,683,284) disclose a rotating drum mounted on a stationary carrier body with a single heating or cooling region defined by heat exchange fluid in the gap between the drum and carrier body. Appenzeller et al. (U.S. Patent 4,447,940 ; Figure 2) discloses a pressure roll having a rotating outer shell mounted on a stationary carrier body with two chambers 11, 12 defined between the outer shell and the carrier body wherein pressurized fluid of different pressures may be maintained in the two chambers.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Mackey whose telephone number is 571-272-1135. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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